# Technical Assistance Opportunity to Improve Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment

## **National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment**

<u>Advancing Fairness and Transparency: National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment</u> is a new resource that provides criminal justice agencies with the clear, concrete guidance they need to prioritize accuracy, fairness, transparency, and effective communication and use of risk and needs assessment.

Through this project, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' Bureau

of Justice Assistance and with collaboration from the Correctional Leaders Association and the American Probation and Parole Association, The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center will provide technical assistance (TA) to selected sites for up to one year to help them adopt the national guidelines. TA will be tailored specifically to participating sites, with three levels of TA available.

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# **Technical Assistance Opportunities**

State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions will be able to request Level 1 TA on an ongoing basis through 2024. A full application process is required to receive Level 2 or Level 3 TA. Two rounds of applications will be available, one starting in March 2023 and another in early 2024. Up to **16 different sites** will be selected for Level 2 or Level 3 TA throughout the two-year grant period. The <u>application</u> will be open for at least a four-week period with TA anticipated to begin in June of each year.

### Who can apply?

A state, local, or Tribal jurisdiction responsible for the administration of post-conviction risk and needs assessment of adults in their community. County supervision agencies, or multiple county supervision agencies applying together, will also be considered.

### When are applications due?

All <u>applications</u> for the first round are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on April 30, 2023. For assistance or questions, please contact Lahiz Tavárez at <u>ltavarez@csg.org.</u>

# **Three Levels of Technical Assistance**

	TA Design	TA Services	Agency Commitment
Level 1: Low-Intensity TA	Number of Sites: Unlimited  Length of TA: Less than 3 months  Site Visits: None	One-time requests Resources Peer connections Consultations	Completes self- assessment tool Commits to implementing guidelines Signs up for ongoing TA resources and opportunities
Level 2:  Moderate- Intensity TA	Number of Sites: Up to 6 sites per round of applications  Length of TA: Up to 1 year  Site Visits: None	Level 1 services     Virtual kick-off event     Monthly TA calls     Strategy development     Policy and procedure review     Implementation progress tracking     External stakeholder messaging and meetings     Peer learning community of practice	Level 1 commitments     Completes self-     assessment tool at 6-, 12-,     and 18-month intervals     Joins monthly TA calls     Shares policy and     procedure     Examines racial equity     Participates in peer     learning community of     practice
Level 3: High-Intensity TA	Number of Sites: Up to 2 sites per round of applications  Length of TA: Up to 1 year  Site Visits: Up to 3 on-site visits	Level 1 and 2 services     On-site assessment of quality and fidelity practices     On-site and/or virtual focus groups, trainings, and/or meetings     Review of agency data     Implementation assistance     Meeting co-facilitation	Level 1 and 2     commitments     Shares aggregate data     Supports on-site activities

### How can I learn more?

<u>Access a suite of resources</u> that introduce the national guidelines; are tailored to different audiences; and explain how states and local jurisdictions can apply for TA, submit requests for assistance, or take the self-assessment.





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